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To Whom it May Concern

Please accept my comments regarding Pier 421 @ Ellwood

In the future the State Lands Commission will rule on the continuation of barging from the Ellwood Marine Terminal. If it rules that barging must be replaced by a pipe line or trucking, the decision on recommissioning of 421 should wait for this determination and in addition the SLC ruling on Venoco's proposal for slant drilling from Platform Holly. Part of this proposal is for a pipeline to be built to Los Flores Canyon.

Pier 421 is the only remaining oil processing facility remaining in the surf zone in California. The major storm damage it suffered a few years ago could happen again.

In the past, oil from 421 was processed on the pier and went directly into line 96 to the Ellwood Marine Facility to be transported by the barge Jovalon.

If it were to go to the Ellwood Onshore Facility for processing, this would be new production going to the EOF, contrary to its recreation zoning. The EOF is a non conforming use under this zoning and expansion of the existing operation, except for safety purposes, is prohibited.

Please delay your decision regarding Pier 421 to the appropriate time.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

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